

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

*A1* An ECU is equipped with engine control microcomputer for executing engine control and a throttle control microcomputer for executing throttle control. The engine control microcomputer is programmed to execute a monitor program. A timer equipped in the engine control microcomputer is set with a predetermined time each time when the monitor program is executed normally. The timer switches automatically its output logic level of a port from high to low, when the time count reaches zero. When the output logic level is switched to low, a throttle motor is disabled to drive a throttle.

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